

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
January 9, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Edmond Chibeau , Monique Brown, Irene Sheehan, Kim O’Keefe, Karen Sommer, Christiane Burkhard, Sally Milius, Antie Hamisch, regrets: Lesley Sweeney

THANK YOU’S:

Kim O’Keefe and Vicki Daniels for speaking to the PTO tonight

To **Richelle Strimple** & her bakers for organizing the successful Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser!

To **Kimberly Clark** & all the parents who helped out on this Fall’s Book Fair. “Stories for Southeast” was able to buy \$308 worth of books from the UConn Co-op for our Southeast Library.

To **Gwen Duff, Juliana Barrett, Sally Milius, Jean Phillips, Joan Carr, Norma Fisher-Doiron, Betsy Parker, Patricia O’Connell-Buckley and Elizabeth Latino** for getting started on the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

And a very special thank you to special education teacher **Laura Stewart** who wrote a winning essay for the Samsung Electronics/Microsoft Corporation *Hope for Education* contest bringing Southeast **\$20,000** in software and equipment!

Playscape fundraising – Kim O’Keefe

Need \$22K to finish last phase, including a fire truck

Plaque fundraiser going on titled “Friends of the Playscape”

Each plate on the plaque is \$100. It will hang in the hallway when complete.

Need help getting local businesses to contribute

Tag Sale coming up – need help for this as well. See Kim if you are available.

Nutrition Month – Vicki Daniels

March has always been Nutrition Month. Staff are currently using a K-8 curriculum that was redone last year. The “Snack Smart” chart went home with students along with other materials. Vicki shared some ideas for celebrating the month (i.e. giving out snack samples). Mrs. Romeo is taking over the nutrition bulletin board outside the nurse’s office. Vicki informed the PTO that public law states now that schools that qualify for free and reduced lunch have to develop and follow a “wellness policy”. This policy needs to address PE, healthy foods, curriculum revisions, identifying support systems for families, class discussions and gathering research and data to support our school policies. The town is looking to draft one by April and a Wellness Committee is currently meeting. They need more parent representation. The next meetings are Jan 18th and 31st from 4 – 5 at central office. Sarah Milius questioned why unhealthy foods like sweetened milks and cereals were offered at the school. It was suggested that the school make time to allow children to brush their teeth after lunch.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Sweeney

Edmond Chibeau complimented Leslie on working to square things up with the budget. There is a \$2K shortfall right now to meet our budget expectations. Looking for ways to cut or get more money. Money is currently still going to the playscape. Need people to chair some upcoming fundraisers.

Motion to accept report: Karen Sommer

Seconded by: Irene Sheehan

All in Favor

FUNDRAISERS: Karen Sommer

January = Cookie Dough, Munson's for Valentine's Day

Feb= Spring Bulbs, Butter braids and Munson's for Easter. Monique Brown and Karen will run these.

April = Out to dinner fundraisers' done by Karen Sommer and Richelle Strimple

Margie Ouemette doing a Yankee Candle fundraiser

Edmond will ask Monica Wilding to do summer bulbs fundraiser.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Highlights of the Calendar of Events:

January

16th = MLK Day – no school

17th begins lunch in the classrooms because of the Trestle Tree program

25th = 4th grade ice skating trip

February

Vacation 20th – 24th

March

2nd = Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Day

6th – 15th = 3rd & 4th Grade CMT's and Writing Prompts

29th = Science Fair/Invention Convention

50 Year celebration A committee is working on this – Ideas include having previous students speak, and developing a collection of pictures and oral histories. This celebration is one week before Special Person's day and so we are hoping to combine the two events.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

A teacher is interested in getting a **Southeast cookbook**. Margaret Morrison has the rest of the cookbooks.

An idea was shared that the **Southeast Tee shirts** be brought to the staff meeting to sell.

SECRETARIES REPORT: November's minutes were reviewed.

AMENDMENTS: None at this time.

Motion for acceptance by: Karen Sommer

2nd by :

All in Favor

Miscellaneous:

Thursday Board of Education Meeting – PTO representatives going and speaking to gain awareness and support for PTO activities.

Student Directory: Jane Hazzard spoke with Edmond Chibeau about developing one at Southeast as it is done in other schools in our district to help parents contact each other. There was a discussion on how to handle this. Edmond will call the other schools to get more information on how they handled this.

Edmond asked if we still a need to **organize the PTO closet**. It was decided there wasn't enough room to organize it.

Edmond asked if there is a **PTO recruiting letter** for new Southeast families with students entering Kindergarten. Norma Fisher-Dorion will share the letter from the PTO that is currently used. A PTO parent usually speaks to parents at the Kindergarten orientation about the PTO.

Kim O'Keefe sked if we had a **chairperson for the Fall Carnival** yet. Karen Mitlinsky was mentioned but it was unclear if she was interested in the position. Edmond will look into this.

Motion to adjourn: Irene Sheehan

Motion seconded by: Karen Sommer

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 PM

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 1/10/06

NEXT MEETING: February 6, 2006